

Application No. 10/650,060
Response to Office Action

Customer No. 01933

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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's allowance of claims 9-15 and the Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 3 and 5-7 are respectfully acknowledged.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of (now canceled) allowable claim 3, and claims 1 and 4-15 have been amended to make some minor grammatical improvements and/or to correct some minor antecedent basis problems so as to put the claims in better form for issuance in a U.S. patent.

No new matter has been added, and no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendments to claims 1 and 4-15 be approved and entered, and it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 1 and claims 2 and 4-8 depending therefrom are now in condition for immediate allowance, along with allowed claims 9-15.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that the amendments to claims 9-15 are not related to patentability, and do not narrow the scope of the claims either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.

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THE TITLE

The title has been amended to more clearly indicate the nature of the invention to which the claims are directed, as required by the Examiner.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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